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Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group (1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

	CPI-U				CPI-W			
	Unadjusted indexes	Unadjusted percent change to May 2003 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-	Unadjusted indexes	Unadjusted percent change to May 2003 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-
	May 2003	May 2002	Apr. 2003	Apr. to May	May 2003	May 2002	Apr. 2003	Apr. to May
Expenditure category								
All items	183.5	2.1	-0.2	0.0	179.4	2.0	-0.2	-0.1
All items (1967=100)	549.7	-	-	-	534.3	-	-	-
Food and beverages	179.4	1.7	.2	.3	178.7	1.7	.2	.3
Food	178.8	1.7	.2	.3	178.1	1.7	.2	.3
Food at home	177.8	1.3	.3	.4	176.8	1.4	.2	.3
Cereals and bakery products	203.0	2.4	.5	.5	202.9	2.6	.5	.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	164.7	1.4	-.3	-.2	164.6	1.5	-.4	-.2
Dairy and related products [1]	165.4	-2.1	-.2	-.2	165.1	-2.1	-.3	-.3
Fruits and vegetables	226.2	2.4	2.2	1.9	224.3	2.4	2.0	1.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	140.3	1.7	-.1	.6	139.7	1.7	.1	.9
Other food at home	162.1	1.3	.0	.2	161.7	1.3	.0	.1
Sugar and sweets	162.3	2.8	.6	.4	162.1	2.9	.7	.7
Fats and oils	157.6	1.1	1.0	.8	157.6	1.2	.9	.8
Other foods	177.8	1.0	-.4	.1	178.1	.8	-.5	-.2
Other miscellaneous foods [1] [2]	110.1	1.1	-.3	-.3	110.5	.9	-.4	-.4
Food away from home [1]	181.5	2.2	.2	.2	181.4	2.2	.2	.2
Other food away from home [2]	120.5	2.9	.1	.0	120.8	2.6	.0	.2
Alcoholic beverages	186.7	1.9	.2	.2	186.8	2.0	.1	.1
Housing	184.5	2.7	.2	.4	180.0	2.8	.2	.3
Shelter	212.8	2.6	.3	.6	206.4	2.6	.2	.4
Rent of primary residence [3]	204.9	3.1	.2	.3	204.1	3.0	.2	.3
Lodging away from home [2] [3]	121.4	1.1	2.3	4.1	122.2	1.3	2.7	4.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence [3] [4]	219.1	2.5	.1	.2	199.0	2.5	.1	.2
Tenants' and household insurance [1] [3]	114.3	4.2	.1	.1	114.0	5.9	.0	.0
Fuels and utilities	153.7	8.6	.4	.2	153.0	8.7	.4	.0
Fuels	137.5	9.9	.5	.2	136.3	10.0	.4	-.1
Fuel oil and other fuels	137.0	19.8	-7.4	-5.6	136.1	19.6	-7.4	-5.5
Gas (piped) and electricity [3]	144.5	9.4	1.0	.5	143.5	9.5	.8	.2
Household furnishings and operations	126.3	-2.0	-.7	-.5	122.0	-2.4	-.7	-.5
Apparel	122.5	-3.6	-1.1	-.3	121.5	-3.7	-1.1	-.1
Men's and boys' apparel	119.5	-3.9	-1.1	-1.8	119.1	-4.4	-1.1	-1.9
Women's and girls' apparel	115.5	-3.3	-2.0	.0	114.2	-3.4	-1.9	.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	123.6	-3.0	.2	1.1	125.7	-3.2	.2	1.2
Footwear	119.7	-3.9	-.2	.1	119.9	-3.6	.1	.4
Transportation	157.2	2.2	-1.3	-1.3	156.2	2.3	-1.5	-1.5
Private transportation	153.1	2.4	-1.5	-1.4	153.3	2.3	-1.7	-1.6
New and used motor vehicles [3]	97.4	-1.7	-.4	-.2	97.4	-1.9	-.3	-.3
New vehicles	138.1	-1.2	-.4	-.1	139.1	-1.3	-.4	-.1
Used cars and trucks	147.9	-2.6	-.7	-.6	148.7	-2.6	-.3	-.7
Motor fuel	131.3	8.2	-6.6	-6.7	131.5	8.0	-6.6	-6.8
Gasoline (all types)	130.6	8.1	-6.6	-6.8	130.9	8.0	-6.6	-6.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment [1]	107.8	.9	.1	.1	107.2	1.1	.1	.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	194.9	2.6	.2	.2	196.5	2.7	.1	.0
Public transportation	211.6	-.1	2.1	2.0	208.5	1.1	2.7	2.7
Medical care	295.5	4.0	.3	.4	294.6	4.1	.3	.4
Medical care commodities	261.8	2.5	.1	.1	256.4	2.4	.1	.2
Medical care services	304.2	4.5	.4	.5	304.1	4.6	.4	.5
Professional services [3]	261.1	3.2	.5	.7	263.3	3.3	.5	.7
Hospital and related services [3]	388.9	6.7	.1	.2	385.0	7.1	0	.2
Recreation [2]	107.6	1.1	.2	.3	105.5	.6	.1	.2
Video and audio [2]	103.8	.7	.0	.0	103.0	.7	.0	.0
Education and communication [2]	100.6	1.9	-.4	-.2	100.0	1.6	-.4	-.2
Education [2]	131.4	6.4	.2	.4	131.1	6.2	.2	.4
Educational books and supplies	332.5	5.4	.1	.5	333.6	5.5	.1	.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	377.7	6.5	.2	.3	369.3	6.2	.1	.4
Communication [2]	89.8	-2.3	-.8	-.8	91.3	-2.1	-.8	-.8
Information and information processing [1] [2]	87.9	-3.1	-.8	-.8	90.0	-2.7	-.8	-.8
Telephone services [1] [2]	98.1	-1.2	-.4	-.4	98.3	-1.1	-.4	-.4
Information and information processing other than telephone services [1] [2]	16.4	-11.4	-1.8	-1.8	17.0	-11.5	-2.3	-2.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment [1] [2]	18.0	-21.7	-3.7	-3.7	17.8	-21.6	-3.8	-3.8
Other goods and services	398.1	2.3	.0	.0	396.0	2.3	-.1	-.1
Tobacco and smoking products [1]	465.6	3.7	-.5	-.5	466.8	3.7	-.6	-.6
Personal care [1]	177.9	1.8	.1	.1	176.9	1.7	.1	.1
Personal care products [1]	153.6	-.8	-.3	-.3	154.2	-.8	-.3	-.3
Personal care services [1]	193.0	2.5	.3	.3	193.6	2.4	.2	.2
Miscellaneous personal services	282.7	3.1	.2	.2	282.4	3.2	.3	.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	150.9	.3	-.9	-.7	151.6	.3	-.9	-.7
Food and beverages	179.4	1.7	.2	.3	178.7	1.7	.2	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	134.6	-.6	-1.5	-1.3	136.0	-.6	-1.6	-1.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	148.9	1.0	-2.3	-2.9	151.1	1.2	-2.4	-3.1
Apparel	122.5	-3.6	-1.1	-.3	121.5	-3.7	-1.1	-.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	169.2	3.1	-2.7	-2.4	173.0	3.5	-3.0	-2.8
Durables	110.5	-2.6	-.6	-.5	110.8	-2.6	-.5	-.5
Services	215.9	3.4	.4	.5	212.0	3.5	.3	.4
Rent of shelter [4]	221.5	2.5	.3	.5	198.8	2.5	.3	.4
Transportation services	216.3	3.5	.5	.6	216.1	4.3	.5	.6
Other services	252.8	3.4	.1	.3	247.1	3.1	.1	.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	184.3	2.2	-.2	-.1	179.5	2.1	-.3	-.2
All items less shelter	174.1	1.9	-.3	-.2	171.4	1.8	-.5	-.3
All items less medical care	177.7	2.0	-.2	-.1	174.4	2.0	-.2	-.2
Commodities less food	136.5	-.6	-1.5	-1.2	137.9	-.6	-1.5	-1.4
Nondurables less food	151.1	1.1	-2.1	-2.6	153.2	1.3	-2.2	-2.8
Nondurables less food and apparel	169.9	3.0	-2.5	-2.3	173.5	3.3	-2.7	-2.6
Nondurables	164.3	1.6	-1.0	-1.2	165.3	1.5	-1.1	-1.1
Services less rent of shelter [4]	225.5	4.4	.4	.3	200.6	4.6	.4	.3
Services less medical care services	208.2	3.3	.3	.5	204.7	3.4	.3	.3
Energy	136.0	9.9	-3.0	-3.1	133.2	9.0	-3.3	-3.4
All items less energy	190.3	1.5	.1	.3	185.9	1.4	.1	.2
All items less food and energy	193.2	1.6	.1	.3	188.0	1.6	.0	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	141.7	-1.9	-.6	-.6	142.2	-1.9	-.6	-.6
Energy commodities	132.3	8.8	-6.6	-6.7	132.3	8.5	-6.6	-1.0
Services less energy services	223.1	3.0	.3	.5	219.6	3.1	.3	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=$1.00)	$ .545	-	-	-	$ .558	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=$1.00)	$ .182	-	-	-	$ .187	-	-	-

[1] Not seasonally adjusted.
[2] Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
[3] This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.
[4] U-population indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
W-population indexes on a December 1984=100 base.
Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
- Data not available.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	All items							
	CPI-U				CPI-W			
	Indexes			Percent change to May2003 from-	Indexes			Percent change to May2003 from-
	Mar. 2003	Apr. 2003	May 2003	May 2002	Mar. 2003	Apr. 2003	May 2003	May 2002
U.S. city average	184.2	183.8	183.5	2.1	180.3	179.8	179.4	2.0
Region and area size[1]								
Northeast urban	193.8	192.6	192.7	2.7	189.8	189.4	189.2	2.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000	194.6	194.4	194.6	2.9	190.0	189.8	189.8	3.0
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 [2]	115.0	114.4	114.3	2.0	115.2	114.5	114.2	2.2
Midwest urban	178.8	177.8	177.7	1.7	174.1	173.1	172.9	1.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	180.7	179.7	179.7	1.6	175.6	174.3	174.2	1.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [2]	113.6	113.2	113.0	2.0	113.1	112.6	112.4	1.9
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	173.0	171.7	171.7	2.1	170.6	169.3	169.3	1.9
South urban	177.5	177.4	176.8	2.1	175.0	174.7	174.0	1.9
Size A - More than 1,500,000	179.1	178.9	178.6	2.3	176.5	176.3	175.7	2.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [2]	113.3	113.3	112.8	1.9	112.5	112.3	111.8	1.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	175.4	175.5	174.7	2.4	175.7	175.6	174.6	2.0
West urban	189.3	188.8	188.5	2.0	184.7	184.2	183.8	2.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	192.1	191.7	191.2	2.0	185.9	185.4	185.0	2.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [2]	115.4	114.9	114.7	2.0	115.1	114.7	114.4	1.9
Size classes								
A [3]	188.6	188.0	187.9	2.2	186.8	186.3	186.1	2.2
B/C [3]	114.0	113.7	113.4	2.0	113.5	113.1	112.7	1.8
D	174.9	174.3	174.1	2.1	175.6	174.9	174.5	2.0
Selected local areas[4]								
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	184.8	183.6	183.6	1.1	179.0	177.6	177.3	1.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	188.3	187.6	186.6	2.1	181.6	180.9	179.9	2.6
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	197.1	196.7	196.8	2.8	193.1	191.8	191.7	2.9
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	202.8	-	202.3	3.9	202.3	-	201.8	4.4
Cleveland-Akron, OH	175.4	-	175.1	1.2	167.1	-	166.3	1.4
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	174.8	-	176.9	2.3	176.5	-	176.4	2.3
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV [5]	115.9	-	115.7	2.4	115.5	-	115.1	2.4
Atlanta, GA	-	182.1	-	-	-	179.2	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	-	182.2	-	-	-	176.6	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	-	182.5	-	-	-	180.9	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	-	180.6	-	-	-	178.4	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	-	187.2	-	-	-	186.3	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	-	197.3	-		-	193.6	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	-	193.3	-		-	187.0	-	-

1 Regions defined as the four Census regions.
2 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.
3 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.
4 In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in Tables 34 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee-Racine, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Phoenix-Mesa, AZ; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.
5 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.
- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a market basket of goods and services. CPIs are published for two population groups: 1) The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), which covers 32 percent of the total population, and 2) the CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and the Chained CPI for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U), which each cover about 87 percent of the total population. While the CPI-U and CPI-W are considered final when released, the C-CPI-U is issued in preliminary form and is subject to two annual revisions. The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, transportation, medical care, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in 87 locations are averaged together with weights that represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. *Indexes for different months are usually compared in relative terms. Thus, an index of 133.5 is 1.063 times higher than an index of 125.6 (133.5/125.6=1.063); in other words, prices increased 6.3 percent.* The CPI is used as an indicator of inflation, a deflator of other economic series, and an escalator for income payments.

More detail. This news release from the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor provides summary data from the Consumer Price Index. The full release is available electronically on the Internet at **http://www.bls.gov/cpi/** at release time. If you have any questions about the CPI, please write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Room 3815 PSB, Washington, DC 20212, or call (202) 691-7000. Full detail is available in the monthly periodical ***CPI Detailed Report*** for $47 per year from New Orders, Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. This information will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: (202) 691-5200; Federal Relay Service: 1-800-877-8339. For a recorded message of summary CPI data, call (202) 691-5200.

CPI For All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)-Analysis

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U was unchanged in May, following a 0.3 percent decline in April. Energy costs, which rose sharply in each of the first three months of the year, declined sharply for the second consecutive month--down 3.1 percent in May. Within energy, the index for petroleum-based energy declined 6.7 percent, while the index for energy services increased 0.5 percent. The index for food rose 0.3 percent, following a 0.1 percent decrease in April. The index for food at home increased 0.4 percent, largely reflecting an upturn in the index for fruits and vegetables. The index for all items less food and energy, which was unchanged in March and April, increased 0.3 percent in May. Most of the increase was accounted for by shelter costs, which rose 0.6 percent in May after a 0.1 percent increase in April.

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